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## **AMENDMENT**

**Dear Sir:**

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Appendix including a definition page for the term "aperture" is attached following page 16 of this paper.